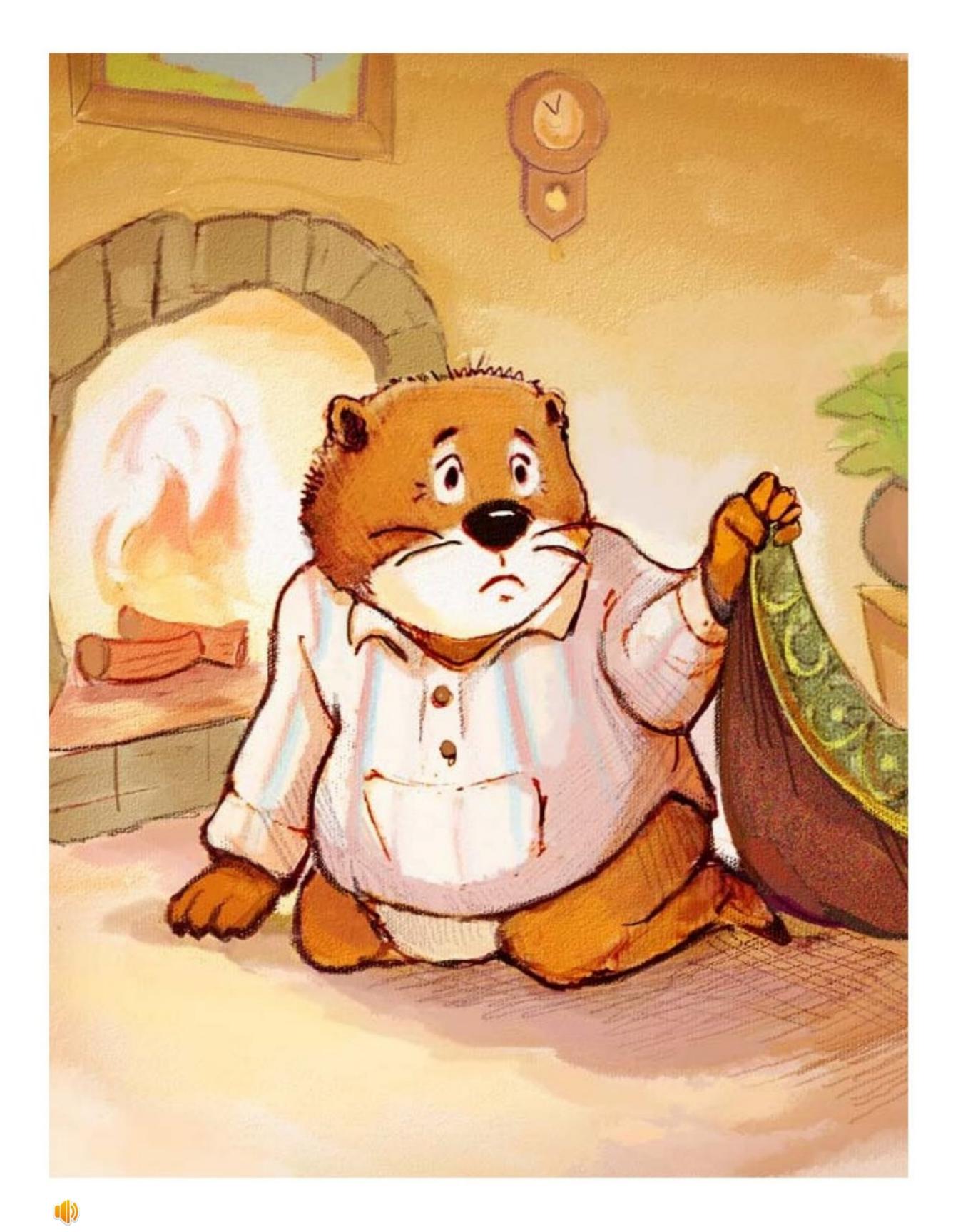


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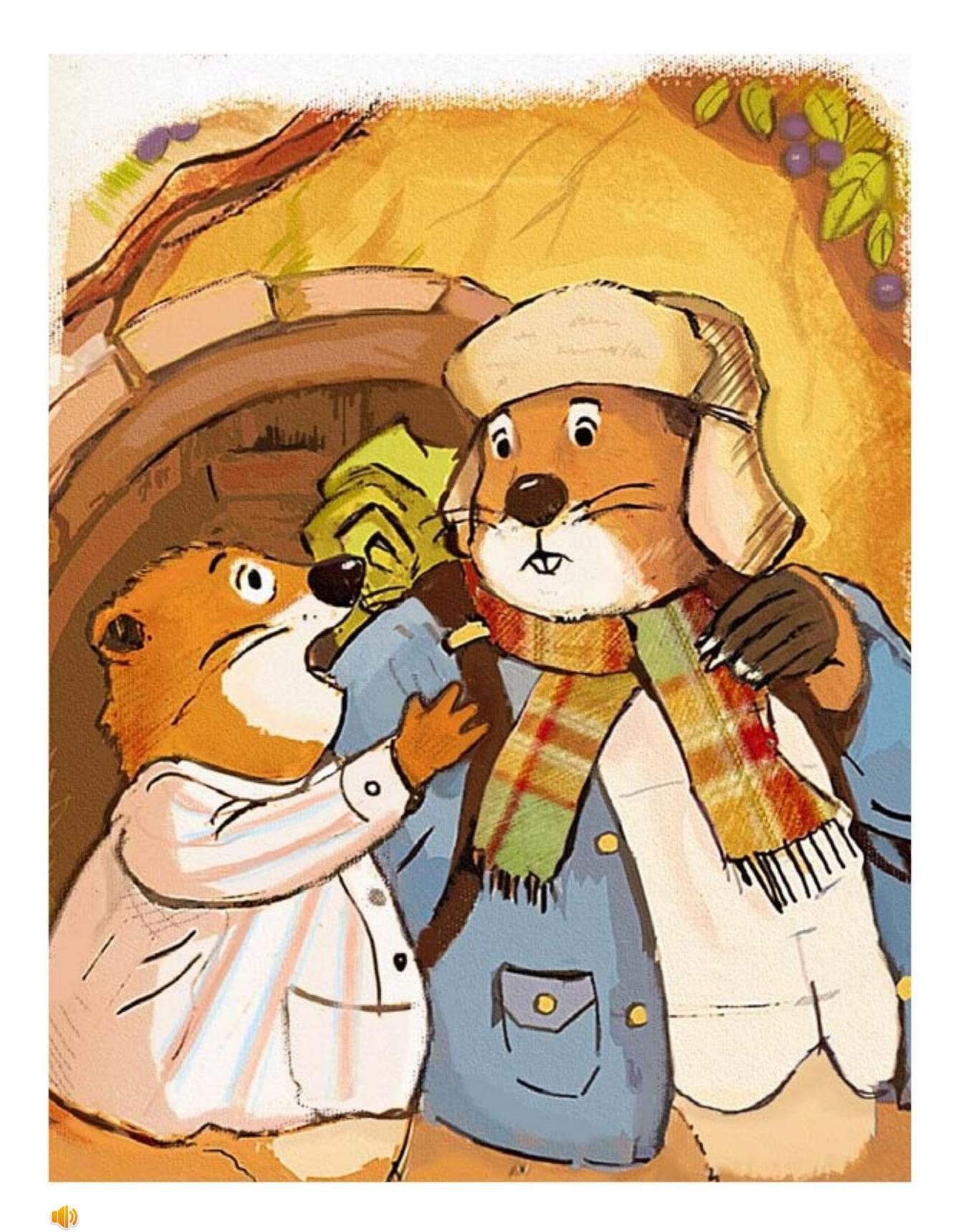


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It was the deep of winter.
Gus was worried.
He couldn't find his shadow anywhere.



"Have you seen my shadow?" Gus asked Dad.

"When did you see it last?" Dad asked.



"Have you seen my shadow?" Gus asked Mom.

"Go back, step by step, until you find it," Mom said.



"Have you seen my shadow?" Gus asked Grace.

"Try looking where you left it," Grace said.



Gus stopped looking.
He began to shout:
"HAS ANYBODY SEEN
MY SHADOW?"



"Have you tried looking outside?" asked Dad.

Gus hadn't been outside in months.

He hadn't seen his shadow in months.

Maybe his shadow was outside!



Gus left the burrow and went outside.

As soon as he did, someone began to cheer.

Children waved and jumped up and down.

People shot photos of him. They all looked really happy.



Gus forgot about his shadow. Gus was a star!



Back in the burrow, his family gathered around him.

Gus grinned from ear to ear. "Did you find it?" asked Mom.



"Find what?" asked Gus.

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